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Thomas R. Short, Jr.
Chief, Remedial Response Branch #2
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Environmental Protection Agency Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Dear Mr. Short:

This correspondence is being sent on behalf of the Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation (Hamilton) to confirm Hamilton's past and ongoing commitment to undertake good faith settlement negotiations with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relative to certain remediation efforts within the property currently owned by Hamilton in Area 9/10 of the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site to be undertaken by Hamilton pursuant to a Consent Decree (CD) and Statement of Work (SOW).

With additional time, a final CD and SOW can be negotiated. We are mindful of OSWER No. 9834.10, "Interim Guidance on Notice Letters, Negotiations, and Information Exchange". In this context we wish to communicate that we presently believe that settlement is "likely and imminent" and expect that absent some unforeseen event or change in circumstances settlement can be achieved by the parties.

Consistent with the terms of this letter, Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation respectfully requests an additional 30 days.

Sincerely,

Clinton L. Gardiner, Esq.
Vice President & General Counsel
Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation